



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT:** ARRA STREET MAINTENANCE  
GRANT FUNDING

**DATE:** 04-06-09

Approved

Date

4/10/09

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide

## RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Transportation to:

1. Submit a grant application to the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* for the San José Street Resurfacing and Rehabilitation Project in the amount not to exceed \$12,700,000; and
2. Negotiate and execute related grant documents to accept any grant funding.

## OUTCOME

Approval of the recommended action facilitates the City's receipt of grant funding for the resurfacing of approximately 16 miles of City streets during the summer of 2009.

## BACKGROUND

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the \$787 billion federal economic stimulus bill known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The share of funding for various national transportation programs is \$48 billion and these funds have been designated for distribution by federal, state, and regional agencies. Most of the transportation funds are required to be invested in projects that are ready for construction and can therefore stimulate near-term job creation and economic recovery.

Based on the discretionary authority provided to the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) by the ARRA program, funding in the amount of \$122 million is being allocated for local street pavement maintenance projects within the Bay Area. San José has been granted a \$12.7 million allocation of these funds. To use the ARRA grant funds, MTC requires local agencies to adopt a resolution of support and agree to MTC policies for project delivery.

**ANALYSIS**

A draft City Council resolution has been prepared to comply with MTC requirements for use of ARRA grant funds. A copy of the draft resolution is attached to this memorandum. The key provisions and implications of the resolution are as follows:

- The City is allocated \$12.7 million in ARRA grant funds for street resurfacing improvements in San José.
- The grant funding is a fixed amount and any project cost increases are the City's responsibility.
- The City will comply with MTC's timely delivery policies (contained in MTC Resolution 3885) among which include a project award deadline of September 30, 2009.
- The City will comply with federal project delivery procedures, including compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

The Department of Transportation is developing a street resurfacing project for funding by the \$12.7 million ARRA grant. The following is a list of the street locations that was submitted for review by Caltrans to be included in the resurfacing project. The streets on this list, totaling approximately 16 miles of roadways, are pending final approval by Caltrans.

Street	Segment
Alma Avenue	Little Orchard Street to Minnesota Avenue
Almaden Avenue	Almaden Expressway to West Alma Avenue
Branham Lane	Almaden Expressway to Pearl Avenue
Calero Avenue	Lean Avenue to Bridle Way
Cropley Avenue	Piedmont Road to Morrill Avenue
Foxworthy Avenue	Union Avenue to Leigh Avenue
Silver Creek Road	Capitol Expressway to Yerba Buena Road
Snell Avenue	Branham Lane to Capitol Expressway
Taylor Street	The Alameda to Stockton Avenue
Tully Road	Lucretia Avenue to Senter Road
White Road	Mt Vista Drive to Ocala Street
Willow Street	Lelong Avenue to Lincoln Avenue

The street resurfacing project is being developed on a schedule that exceeds the MTC "timely delivery" requirement. The construction contract for the project is proposed for award by the City Council in June 2009, three months ahead of the September 30, 2009 MTC deadline.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

Staff will return to City Council in June 2009 to award a construction contract for the street resurfacing project.

**POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

Not applicable.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

- ☒ **Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- ☐ **Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- ☐ **Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This report will be posted on the City's website as part of the Council Agenda public outreach process and will satisfy Criterion #1.

**COORDINATION**

This item was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

**CEQA**

Exempt, File No. PP06-066.

  
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Attachment

